Sl. No.	Circle	No. of Villages without Post Office
15.	Punjab	9049
16.	Rajasthan	28332
17.	Tamilnadu	7243
18.	U.P.	94660
19.	W.B.	33945
	TOTAL :	475195

Installation of Rural Public Telephones in Maharashtra

5354. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rural Public Telephones installed in Maharashtra during the year 1999, district-wise and exchange-wise; and

(b) the number of such telephones proposed to be installed in Maharashtra during 2000, exchange-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) 165 village public telephones were installed in Maharashtra during the year 1999- 2000. Details are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(b) In Maharashtra, 31,541 villages have been provided with telephone VPTs out of 42,467 villages. The remaining 10,926 villages will be covered with telephone facility (VPTs) progressively by the private basic fixed service provider by March, 2002.

Statement

District-wise and Exchange-wise VPT achievement during 1999-2000

Sl.No.	Name of SSA	Parent Exchange	VPTs Provided
1.	Kolhapur	Gargoti	1
		Kaułav	1
2.	Ratnagiri	Wakavali	8
		Deorukh	1
3.	Nagpur	Kurwahi	6
		Mauda	2
		Parseoni	1

Sl.No.	Name of SSA	Parent Exchange	VPTs Provided
		Aroli	1
		Pipra	4
4.	Buldhana	Sonala	8
		Dusaribid	2
		Sindkhed Raja	8
		Warkhed	1
		Amdapur	12
		Deulgaon Mahi	6
5.	Beed	Amalner	6
		Dhamangaon	6
		Ashti	6
		Dharur	4
		Majalgaon	1
		Sarni	1
6.	Amravati	Anjangaon(s)	2
7.	Nanded	Hadgaon	5
		Dharmabad	5
		Billoi	2
		Mukhed	3
		Bhokar	1
8.	Yeotmal	Balegaon	10
		Vidul	3
9.	Parbhani	Bahndegaon	12
		Hingoli	1
		Wallur	1
10.	Aurangabad	Godegaon	12
		Rurkabad	11
11.	Jalna	Ambad	6
		Kedarkheda	4
12.	Pune	Rajgurunagar	1
	TOTAL :		165